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1. Leipziger Baumwollspinnerei, Leipzig W 31, Saalfelderstrasse* manufactures cord for automobile tires. The cord is delivered to the Gummiwerk Risa and Heidenau (sic)** at Dresden. It also produces a woven fabric 1.75 by 2.5 meters in size which is delivered to the Soviet Union and there impregnated. Experts say it is for use on aircraft as protection against gas or other chemical warfare agents.
2. (RFT)-Geraetewerk VEB, Chemnitz, manufactures supersensitive range finders for the Soviet Union and the East German Republic (DDR). They are packed in cases of one hundred and delivered to a RFT branch (sic)*** in Leipzig. It also manufactures automobile accessories. Since January 1952, a mechanism with a diameter of about 350 mm. has been set up. The parts were delivered by a works in Dresden**** and are of pure mild steel. It is supposed that it is for making time-fuses for shells. It produced about 12,000 pieces in January. Production is to be stepped up. The products are thoroughly tested before they leave the works.
3. The hydrogenation plant of Kombinat Böhlen (SAG Brikett), Leipzig, recovers about five hundred tons of gasoline daily from lignite. The production cost is about 1,400 DM per ton. The gasoline exported to the Soviet Union is credited by the Narodny Bank in Moscow at only about fifty percent of the production cost.
4. (VVB), Spirituszentrale Berlin, Leipzig C 1, Haferkornstrasse produces about 33,000 liters of absolute alcohol daily. It is delivered to the Benzinwerk in Böhlen.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly VEB Leipziger Baumwollspinnerei, Spinnereistrasse 7, Leipzig W33.

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** [REDACTED] Comment: VVB Kautas includes Gummiwerk Riesa, Riesa, and Asbestspinnerei Heidenau, Heidenau.

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